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(ii) Compensation has not yet been paid and it will be determined by the Land Acquisition Officer in accordance with the principles laid down in the Land Acquisition Act.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Have the Government taken steps to extend the plantation of wattle in view of the fact that 75 acres had already been taken over by the Government?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMIAH : A separate question may be put.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Bus routes

1. *Q.*—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to place on the Table of the House particulars regarding the number of bus routes and the extension of existing routes granted during the periods from 1st October 1956 to 31st March 1957 and from 1st April to 30th June 1957 (districtwar)?

A.—A statement showing the number of bus routes and the extension of existing routes granted during the periods from 1st October 1956 to 31st March 1957 and from 1st April 30th June 1957 (districtwar) is given below :—

Statement showing the particulars of new routes opened and extension of existing routes granted (districtwar) during the periods between 1st October 1956 to 31st March 1957 and from 1st April to 30th June 1957.

District.	*During the period from 1st October 1936 to 31st March 1957.*		*During the period from 1st April to 30th June 1957.*	
	Number of new routes granted.	*Number of extensions of existing routes granted.*	*Number of new routes granted.*	*Number of extensions of the existing routes granted.*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1 Madurai	..	10	..	..
2 North Arcot	..	3	2	2
3 Ramanathapuram	..	8	3	..
4 South Arcot	2	2	..	..
5 Tiruchirappalli	4	9	5	4
6 The Nilgiris	1	1	..	..
7 Tirunelveli	..	2	1	3
8 Kanyakumari	..	1	..	3
9 Coimbatore	3	5	3	1
10 Tanjore	1	3	2	4
11 Chingleput	7	13	3	..
12 Salem	4	2	5	..

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Amount allocated from the Central Road Fund

2 Q.—Sri M. P. SUBRAMANIAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to place on the Table of the House a statement of—

(a) the total amount allocated to this State from the Central Road Fund from the date of its inception; and

(b) the amount spent out of this in each district yearwar?

A.—(a) Rupees 569·97 lakhs to the end of September 1956. Further allocation from October 1956 is awaited.

(b) The total number of works taken up in each district in the present Madras State and their estimated cost are given below:—

District.	Number of works.	Total estimated cost.
(1)	(2)	(3)
		RS.
1 Ramanathapuram.	27	54,45,700
2 The Nilgiris	80	8,96,550
3 Tirunelveli	47	46,60,680
4 Salem	89	18,77,720
5 Tanjore	90	39,13,520
6 Madurai	47	27,97,290
7 Chingleput	41	56,94,180
8 Coimbatore	42	28,71,165
9 South Arcot	56	39,54,720
10 North Arcot	53	16,96,073
11 Tiruchirappalli	56	28,77,360
12 Kanyakumari	..	..

On account of the reorganization of States it is not possible to give particulars of expenditure incurred in each district in each year from the date of inception of the Fund.

Rural Water-supply Scheme

3 Q.—Sri M. P. SUBRAMANIAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the total number of wells sunk under Rural Water-supply Scheme and other schemes in the Attur taluk, Salem district, during the years 1955–56, 1956–57 and 1957–58?

A.—The total number of wells sunk under Rural Water-supply and other schemes in the Attur taluk in the Salem district during the years 1955–56 to 1957–58 is as follows:—

	1955–56.	1956–57.	1957–58.
Number of wells sunk in Block area.. ..	1	6	2
Number of wells sunk under Rural Water-supply Scheme.	2	31	16
Number of wells sunk under Local Development Scheme.	13	..	..

Ammonium Sulphate

4 Q.—Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the number of tons of ammonium sulphate allotted to the North Arcot district yearwise from 1952 to 1957; and

(b) the number of tons allotted to other districts, districtwise?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] showing the quantities of ammonium sulphate supplied to the districts during each of the years from 1952 to 1957 is placed on the Table of the House.

Untouchability

5 *Q.*—Sri M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases of offences committed under the Untouchability (Offences) Act, 1955, during the year 1955–56 under the following heads :—

(i) Number of cases registered,
(ii) number of cases challenged,
(iii) number of cases ending in discharge,
(iv) number of cases ending in compromise,
(v) number of cases ending in conviction,
(vi) number of cases ending in acquittal, and
(vii) number of cases pending disposal ; and

(*b*) the number of cases registered against—
(i) tea shop-keepers,
(ii) barbers,
(iii) hotel-keepers, and
(iv) dhobies?

A.—(*a*)—
(i) 139.
(ii) 139.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) 4.
(v) 71.
(vi) 10.
(vii) 54.

(*b*)—
(i) 61.
(ii) 6.
(iii) 28.
(iv) Nil.

6 *Q.*—Sri M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for the proper implementation of the provisions of the Untouchability (Offences) Act, 1955, so far?

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A.—The courts in this State are enforcing the penal provisions of the Untouchability (Offences) Act, 1955. The offences under this Act are cognizable and the Police can arrest the offender without a warrant. The following steps are also taken for the proper implementation of the various provisions of the Act :—

(i) The Government review the report of the Director of Harijan Welfare on the working of the Act in the districts during each quarter of the calendar year.

(ii) The District and State Harijan Welfare Committees review the working of the Act. The Government have also appointed the Inspector-General of Police as a Member of the State Harijan Welfare Committee.

(iii) Wide publicity is given to the provisions of the Act. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to unstarred question No. 8.

7 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed any officers to enforce the provisions of the Untouchability (Offences) Act of 1955 at the district, taluk and village levels?

A.—No, Sir.

8 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any steps have been taken to give wide publicity to the Untouchability (Offences) Act, 1955?

A.—The Government have undertaken, with a view to give wide publicity to the provisions of the Untouchability (Offences) Act, 1955, the following measures :—

(1) The Government have published a pamphlet in Tamil entitled 'Harijana Munnetram' urging eradication of untouchability and also incorporating the penal provisions of the Act. Copies of the pamphlet were distributed to all District Officers ;

(2) the Untouchability (Offences) Act has been translated and printed in the regional languages of this State for sale to the public ;

(3) wide publicity to the provisions of the Act is given in the meetings conducted on the "Haijan Day' every month ;

(4) the Government have sanctioned the appointment of three Deputy Sevaks and three Assistants in each district to carry on propaganda in the villages for the removal of untouchability ;

(5) posters depicting the evils of untouchability are printed and displayed to create an awakening in the hearts of the people at large ; and

(6) the Government have also decided to broadcast a drama or dialogue over the All-India Radio every month in order to give publicity to the provisions of the Untouchability (Offences) Act, 1955.

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"Puthiya Samudayam"

9 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have ordered at any time the screening of the documentary film entitled "Towards Better Society" in all the cinema theatres in the City of Madras?

A.—The Government had produced a two-thousand feet documentary in Tamil entitled, "Puthiya Samudayam" on the achievements of the First Five-Year Plan. This was duly declared an approved film, and was exhibited at all theatres which have to exhibit two thousand feet of "approved" films at every show. No specific instructions to screen this film were issued.

Scholarships to Harijan students

10 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the amount spent on scholarships granted to Harijan students—

(i) in 1956–57, districtwar; and

(ii) in Kanyakumari district in 1957–58?

A.—(i)—

	RS.	A.	P.
Madras ..	1,93,094	14	0
Chingleput	28,914	4	0
Tanjore	25,198	13	0
North Arcot	45,119	11	0
South Arcot	30,286	7	0
Madurai	47,557	9	0
Ramanathapuram	31,141	0	0
Coimbatore	44,330	0	0
Tiruchirappalli	84,980	0	0
Tirunelveli	46,274	8	0
Salem ..	56,493	0	0
The Nilgiris	34,230	6	0

(ii) The particulars of the amount spent on the grant of scholarships to Harijan students of Kanyakumari district during 1957–58 are not available. But an amount of Rs. 64,070 has been allotted for the purpose of granting scholarships to Harijan students of Kanyakumari district during 1957–58.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of a motion under Rule 40. But the concerned Hon. Minister has not yet come as, I understand, the train has been delayed. So, we shall take it up on another day.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. THE SPEAKER *RE* MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Hon. the Chairman, Legislative Council, has returned the Madras Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 11 of 1958) and the Madras General Sales Tax (Emergency Provisions) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 5 of 1958) as passed by the Council on the 18th March 1958 without any recommendation and has also transmitted the Madras Animal Preservation Bill, 1958 (L.C. Bill No. 2 of 1958) as passed by the Legislative Council on the 18th March 1958 for the concurrence of the Assembly.